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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed March 2, 2006 ("the Office Action"), the undersigned respectfully requests continued examination in light of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Title begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE TITLE

Amendments to the Title:

Please replace the Title with the following Title:

Method for Verifying a Ballot Using Public Key Encryption and Digital Signatures